

# MEXICO MISSOURI MESSAGE.

## AMPHITHEATER BURNED.

### County Fair's Loss Last Friday Morning.

The amphitheater, judges' stand and the secretary's office at the Fair Grounds were destroyed by fire here last Friday morning. The property is so far out that the fire department could not reach it in time to be of much service. A bucket brigade was formed for the protection of the dining hall nearby and the amphitheater for negroes. The fire department assisted in saving these structures with the chemical engine.

The loss is estimated to be \$5,000; insurance \$2,660.

Stable attendants on the ground discovered the fire at about 3:30 in the morning. It was then going up thru the south stairway. It was soon seen that there was no chance to save the structure.

How the fire originated is a mystery. The building was well up off the ground and there was no litter or shavings or trash around to feed a flame carelessly started. Looks very much like the work of an incendiary. It is possible that a crap player might have kicked over his lamp, had he had shelter in the building, or it might have been a cigar or cigarette.

The buildings were all new three years ago.

S. P. Emmens went to St. Louis same day of the fire, under contract with the Fair Association and bought testing material, and arrangements were entered into at once to go on with the big fair as tho nothing had happened.

### Died Recently.

Mrs. W. H. Adkins died August 11th at the home of her son, Richard Adkins, near Concord, Callaway county. Her disease was paralysis. The burial was in the Byars grave yard, south of Mexico.

Mrs. Adkins formerly lived in the neighborhood near where she was buried. Her husband died some years ago.

### Remembers His Father.

The Clark Chronicle used the following item:

T. D. Sayre, agent here for the Alton and Wabash, is sporting a fine diamond ring, which was presented to him by his son, Roswell B. Sayre, of Jefferson City, who is now private secretary to Secretary of State, John Swaner. Mr. Sayre is very proud of his gift.

### Man Drowned.

Jefferson City, Aug. 18.—Harold Norbery, 22 years old, of 1162 North Forty-fifth avenue, Chicago, was drowned here today while swimming in the Missouri river. Norbery, with three other Chicago young men, was on the way to Mexico. His body has not been recovered.

### Coffey's All Right.

We take the following paragraph from the Vandalia Mail:

"By the way," asks the Mexico Intelligencer, "what has become of Father Coffey?" He has been elected president of the National Catholic Total Abstinence Society.

R. L. Phillips, southwest of Mexico, has been enjoying a visit from his nephew, John Shepherd, of Virginia.

Miss Ida Miller, of west Mexico, returned last week from a visit among relatives at Burlington, Iowa. Her sister, Mrs. Paul Smith, returned with her and will remain here until after the fair.

## Some Cash; Some News.

Carl Wilson, near Molino, is a new subscriber.

G. A. Barnes, of Worcester, tickles our palm with a dollar on renewal.

Mrs. E. H. Skelly of Pilot Point, Texas, renews for this paper.

Frank Biggers, down Worcester way, enrolls as a new MESSAGE reader.

Our good friend Father J. J. Dillon moves his subscription date up into latter part 1909.

Mrs. J. M. Atkinson sends the MESSAGE to her son, Clarence Atkinson, who is located in Rampart, Alaska.

Albert Ridgeway at Ault, Colo., sends a remittance for this paper and says: "Keep the MESSAGE coming; can't do without it."

Our good friend R. A. Jesse renews for the MESSAGE, also subscribes for it to go to his son-in-law, Clyde Cullers, at Tracy, Iowa. Mr. Jesse says he and his family like the MESSAGE.

F. L. Shinn and A. Tanner of Vandalia were in Mexico last Saturday and made the MESSAGE a pleasant call. Mr. Shinn subscribed for the paper. We knew him in the days of auld lang syne.

W. H. Vandeventer, formerly of Mexico, now in St. Louis, renews and adds these words: "Your paper grows better as the days go by. I look forward to its weekly visits with much pleasure and delight."

O. S. Ackerman of Lamanda Park, Cal., sends us a dollar on renewal. Says he has not been getting the paper regularly—it is disappointing. "I like to hear from home." Paper goes regularly every week, brother.

Miss Winnie Fox, bookkeeper for Fredenhall & Wilkins here, returned from a pleasant visit in Colorado. Her uncle, George Fox, at Wetmore, Colo., sends a dollar for the MESSAGE. He lived in Mexico 30 years ago and wants to learn something of our doings here in these latter days.

G. B. Willingham of Bean Creek subscribes for the MESSAGE. He says they have had plenty of rain in his vicinity and they will raise everything this year. Mr. Willingham was born and raised in Audrain and delights to talk about the early history of the county. His father and "Uncle" Dick Watts, both dead long since, hewed the logs for the first court house in Mexico—in 1838 or 1839—long time ago.

## The Automobile.

EDITOR MESSAGE:—Will one of your readers tell if at any time in the world's history prior to this there were such things in use as automobiles? The language of Nahum, employed about 713 years before Christ, seems significant. It reads:

"The chariots [au'omobiles] shall rage in the streets; they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways; they shall seem like torpedoes, they shall run like the lightnings."

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We regret the continued illness of Mrs. A. L. Jenkins of this city. Her affection is of the nerves and she is perfectly helpless.

Our venerable friend Wm. Stephens has been suffering for a number of years with bad sores on his ankles. The doctors could give him no relief. Recently he mixed up a concoction of alcohol, carbolic acid and lime water and applied it to the affected ankles and now he says he is perfectly cured. We congratulate him and hope he may stay cured.

Several Laddonia boys were fined for shooting craps one day last week.

## A NEW RAILWAY MAP.

### Electric R. R. From Mexico To Fulton And Columbia.

From Fulton Sun.

M. B. Murry, Democratic nominee for Representative, was in Fulton Tuesday with a new railway map showing a proposed line from Mexico to Hereford, branching thence to Columbia and Fulton. It is a proposed extension of the line from Perry in Ralls county, to Mexico and any active work on the Callaway end will depend upon the completion of the Audrain road from Mexico to Perry.

Mr. Murry has no intension of pushing the matter until the other road is fully assured, but has been in consultation with Mr. Robinson, the president of the Mexico-Perry road, and when the other road is finished, the rapid extension into Callaway will undoubtedly follow.

Just now work on the Mexico-Perry road is stopped because of failure to get the financial backing expected. Much grading has been done, however, and those in close touch with the Audrain plan believe that it will succeed. No definite work on the Fulton-Columbia road will be attempted until the other is assured.

### A Visit to Iowa.

W. L. Fowles, secretary of the Farmers' Town Mutual Fire Insurance company, of Mexico, Mo., has returned from attending a four days' convention of the American Association of Mutual Insurance companies at Des Moines, Iowa.

A good meeting was had. We met the Democratic vice presidential nominee, Hon. John Kern, who gave a bunch of the delegates a little talk. We were also addressed by the governor of Iowa and also by the mayor of Des Moines. Other addresses were made and papers read and discussions had. A banquet was given us, also an outing to Ingersoll Park. We were given a display (or us Missourians were shown) the work of the fire department of Des Moines; the street was cleaned for a mile or over of street cars and vehicles and a run made by an automobile carrying the chief, followed by other vehicles, the auto speeding at the rate of 52 miles an hour and the other vehicles drawn by two horses each on the dead run.

We saw the town from the top of the capital building. It was a beautiful picture, set in a frame of green, silvered by the Des Moines river. The city has a court house a little smaller than the capital but absolutely fire proof and finished more beautifully in white and variegated marble.

Des Moines is a city of mutual insurance companies of various sizes, owning in a number of instances their own beautiful and costly buildings.

### Over in Kansas.

The following item was intended for last week's issue of the MESSAGE:

Prof. S. T. Davis is visiting his daughter at Clay Center, Kansas. He writes the MESSAGE that he is having fine time visiting, attending Chautauqua and—kidding over the prairie in a big auto. He heard Stubbs and Botkins speak, both candidates for Governor. The latter, he says, is a fine speaker and a staunch Democrat and, by the way, is a cousin of Joe Botkin of Mexico. Mr. Davis further says: "Jerry told me to say hello to Joe. He says he (Jerry) is the only Botkin that ever had gotten his eyes open—all the rest are Republicans."

Miss Nina Kennen of Mexico has been elected to a position in the Salisbury public schools. Miss Kennen taught last year near Thompson. She is a bright intellect and of determined disposition and will succeed at any undertaking.

Miss Kate Mathews of Louisiana, sister of C. & A. ticket agent E. F. Mathews here, is now stenographer for C. R. Murry, division passenger agent of the Chicago & Alton in Mexico.

## New Circuit Court Cases.

G. L. Ferris vs. G. D. Rollins et al, perfect title.

Stella Bailey vs. George Bailey, divorce.

M. L. Halsted vs. G. W. Pickett et al, rent.

Jane Adkins vs. Wm. Adkins, divorce.

I. J. Printy vs. J. M. Wolfe, note and account.

M. E. Woodson vs. St. Louis Fire Insurance Co. on policy.

Emerson and Doodon vs. Tucker, money.

M. B. Paige vs. Wabash R. R. Co., damages.

C. Keutzel vs. Casualty Co. of America, breach of contract.

## Teachers Examinations.

The County Board of Education held teachers' examinations in Mexico last Friday and Saturday. Teachers who took the examination were:

Jennie Sappington,	Centralia.
Elsie Day,	Laddonia.
Susie Logan,	Laddonia.
Fannie Logan,	"
Margaret Hamilton,	"
Pearle Parker,	"
Edith Torreyson,	"
Willie Dubray,	"
Goldie Quinn,	"
Blanche White,	Mexico.
Leah Cauthorn,	"
Nina Kennen,	"
Grace Sullivan,	"
Olivia Myers,	"
Hattie Hudson,	"
Ada Crm,	"
Jessie Allison,	"
Florence Brown,	Centralia.
Minnie Sievers,	"
Katie Sievers,	"
Beverly Mayes,	"
Adine Martin,	Martinsburg.
Sallie Crane,	"
Mable Davis,	Thompson.
Mayme Colgan,	"
Sarah Quinlan,	Rush Hill.
Jessie Latham,	Rensselaer.
Bessie Hartley,	Clark.
Emma Epperson,	Auxvasse.

Mrs. A. G. Gass, west of Mexico remains very ill.

I. M. Greer and son left last week for an outing on the lakes near Chicago.

Dr. Mack Botts of St. Louis visited his brother here last week, Dr. W. F. Botts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bickley of Pittsburg, Pa., are visiting relatives in this city.

We are sorry to hear of the very serious illness of Mrs. G. R. McCall at Rush Hill.

Mrs. Henry McLain of Excelsior Springs is visiting her sisters here, the Misses Karnes.

James Pierce will have a position in Luckie's restaurant, southeast corner of the square.

Misses Estelle and Kate Blattner are home from their studies in the summer school at Kirksville.

Victor Wayne and wife of Rock Island, Texas, arrived in Mexico last week on a visit to relatives.

Miss Altha Willingham of Bean Creek visited her sister, Mrs. Luther Sims, at Rush Hill last week.

We met A. C. Moore at Montgomery City the other day. He lives within 1 1/2 mile of that place. He formerly lived near Mexico; he is a mighty good citizen.

Rev. J. J. Griffin recently closed a revival meeting at Beau Creek Baptist church. There was only one addition to the membership, but the meeting resulted in much good and the church was greatly revived.

The Sunbeam says that Martinsburg citizens are getting ready for a big celebration of the semi-centennial of the founding of that town. The celebration will be held some time next month and arrangements will be made for one of the largest gatherings ever held in the little city.

## TAKEN TO AUDRAIN.

### Alleged Train Robbery Not in Pike's Jurisdiction.

From the Louisiana Press-Journal.

The Press Journal Friday contained an article concerning an alleged train robbery on the Alton where by Con Mullen, of Peck, Mich., was relieved of \$16. Three men, a woman and a monkey were taken off the train here and locked up. One of the men named George Moran, was shot in the arm while attempting to escape through the smoking car window.

Conductor Smalley and his colored porter, Charles Allison, arrived here at 5 a. m. Saturday and after hearing their story of the affair Prosecuting Attorney Reynolds said that Pike county had no jurisdiction in the matter as the alleged offense took place in Audrain county. Mr. Reynolds telephoned to Prosecuting Attorney Orear at Mexico and the latter had warrants issued for Bert Wiseman and Charles Wise. Constable Tumely turned the prisoners over to Special Agent W. D. Haas of the Alton, who took them to Mexico on a special train Saturday. The special consisted of a box car and the pusher.

As there was no evidence against the woman and the monkey they were released.

George Moran, the young man who was shot in the arm was released Friday afternoon as the trainmen couldn't connect him with the affair, but the fact he jumped out of the window looked slightly suspicious.

Mr. Mullens, the man who was robbed went to Mexico to testify at the trial. Mr. Mullen identified Wise as the man who touched him.

It seems that a difficulty had occurred shortly before this on the same train near Earber and it was said that the same parties robbed J. H. Talleben, a German, from Oklahoma of his watch. Mr. Talleben, got off the train here and stopped at the Grand Central until 9:10 a. m. Friday, when he went east on the Alton. If he lost a watch he did not say anything about it and the colored porter at the Grand Central saw him take a watch from his pocket on his way to the train.

Mr. Mullen, who stopped at the Planters', seems to be an honest, straightforward man. He had been working on a farm near Kansas City since April but was lately kicked by a horse and injured and was on his way back to his old home at Peck, Mich. The loss of his money left him entirely without means to continue his journey until he hears from home.

R. A. Purcell of Kansas City, special detective of the Alton, who arrived here Friday morning soon after the affair happened, and who has been getting evidence against the parties also accompanied them to Mexico. Mr. Purcell said that such things would not be tolerated by the Alton management and the company would assist in prosecuting all such offenders to the full limit of the law.

A telephone message to the Press-Journal from the Hannibal Courier-Post Saturday morning says that all of the men, Wise, Wiseman and Moran, are well-known characters in Hannibal and have a police record.

From all we can learn there was nothing against the monkey except that he was in bad company. It is said Col. Monk was taken along by the party to do the dodge act in the ball throwing amusement feature of street fairs and other shows.

Mrs. Sarah Quinlan will teach in her home district near Benton City this winter. She is a good teacher, one of the very best in the county.

## CLARK'S VIEWS.

### Thinks the Democracy Is Going to Win.

A few days ago the Hon. Champ Clark gave out the following interview:

"The drift is undoubtedly towards Bryan and the Democrats. Since the Denver convention I have been making some honest, clean money in the sweat of my face lecturing at Chautauquas, and have been in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Ohio, Indiana and Ken-



tucky. I have listened to all sorts of people talk and the trend of the talk in that region is everywhere to the effect that Bryan is stronger than ever before. His popularity in Missouri is universally conceded by all persons who are both sane and honest. He will bring out the full Democratic majority in Missouri of at least 40,000.

"Cowherd and the rest of the State ticket will get about the same majority as Bryan. We ought to elect fifteen Democratic Congressmen out of a possible sixteen, for fifteen of the districts are normally Democratic; and most assuredly Missouri Democrats will realize the importance of sending a Democratic House to Washington to aid President Bryan in the great task of establishing the people's rule. As we have to gain only twenty-eight Congressmen in order to organize the House, the good service to the country to be accomplished by electing Democratic Congressmen in all the Missouri districts is easily discernible. Of course, we will elect a Democratic Legislature, which will elect to the United States Senate the Democratic senatorial candidate receiving the highest vote in November. The Missouri House or Senate will not disregard the popular verdict in that matter. That verdict should be obeyed. The Stone-Folk contest will help bring out a full vote.

"In the last days of August I will open the campaign in the Ninth District for Bryan. Cowherd and the whole Democratic ticket from top to bottom. When occasion serves I will speak in other Missouri districts, swapping speeches with my Congressional brethren. I will also speak in as many close districts as possible outside the State. This is a Democratic year. The country expects every Democrat to do his duty, and I certainly shall do mine as I always do."

Ollie Sims, of High Hill District, is drilling for living water on his farm. Last week had gotten down over 150 feet. Struck some water but will go deeper. George Dean is doing the work.

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Sam Locke, Cashier.